Approved For Release 2008/02/12 : CIA-RDP80T01471R001400040023-9

к-7084

NPIC/CSD-43/66 23 JANUARY 1966 PAGE **9**

25X1

VEHICLE ACTIVITY ROUTE 15, NORTH VIETNAM 1816N 10540E

COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15, AND ROUTE 12, ITS EXTENSION IN LAOS TO THE JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 23, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SUPPLY ROUTE FOR TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LAOS. THIS 82-MILE ROUTE HAS A SURFACE OF IMPROVED EARTH AND GRAVEL, GENERALLY IN FAIR CONDITION. SURFACE WIDTHS VARY FROM TWELVE TO TWENTY FEET. OFF-ROAD DISPERSAL AND MOVEMENT ARE AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN THE LOWLANDS AND BY LANDSLIDES AND DENSE FORESTS IN THE MOUNTAIN AREAS.

PHOTOGRAPHY	REVEALED A HIGH LEVEL OF VEHICULAR ACTIVI-	25X
TY ON ROUTE 15. AT LEAST SIXT	Y-EIGHT VEHICLES, SOME CAMOUFLAGED, WERE OBSER-	
VED ON OR NEAR ROUTE 15 BETWEEN 1820N 10550E AND 1750N 10547E.		
MISSION READOUT:		
	REVEALS VEHICULAR ACTIVITY ON NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE	25X1
15 NEAR THE TOWN OF SA LONG (1816N 10540E). FIFTEEN TRUCKS, PARTIALLY CONCEALED		
ALONG THE ROAD BANK, ARE OBSERVED TO BE HEADING SOUTH.		

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue.

CONFIDENTIAL

